

  
Councilmember Adrian M. Fenty

A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Councilmember Adrian M. Fenty introduced the following bill which was referred to the Committee on\_\_\_\_\_.

To designate the park in the 7400 blocks of Alaska Avenue, N.W. and 13<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., as the Marvin Caplan Memorial Park (Ward 4).

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,  
That this act may be cited as the “Marvin Caplan Memorial Park Designation Act of 2003”.

Sec. 2. Findings.

(1) Marvin Caplan devoted his life to the eradication of discrimination both nationally and locally.

(2) Marvin Caplan was the Executive Director of the Leadership Conference for Civil Rights and led lobbying efforts for the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the Fair Housing Act of 1968 and Title IV’s prohibition of sex discrimination in education.

(3) In the late 1950’s, Marvin Caplan conceived and joined with other District residents to found Neighbors Inc. to stop panic sales, white flight and increase housing choices for African Americans and others denied equal housing opportunities.

1           (4) Marvin Caplan was a founder of the National Neighbors to promote  
2           community based fair housing organizations throughout the country.

3           (5) Because Marvin Caplan served the people of the Shepherd Park community in  
4           Ward 4, and the park is situated in this neighborhood, it is fitting to have the  
5           park located in the 7400 blocks of Alaska Avenue N.W., and 13<sup>th</sup> Street N.W.,  
6           named in his honor.

7           Sec. 3. Pursuant to section 401 of the Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition  
8           Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Code § 7-451),  
9           the Council designates the park in the 7400 blocks of Alaska Avenue, N.W. and 13<sup>th</sup>  
10          Street, N.W. is designated the “Marvin Caplan Memorial Park”.

11          Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement

12          The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal  
13          impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule  
14          Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code § 1-233(c)(3)).

15          Sec. 5. The Secretary to the Council shall transmit a copy of this act, after it  
16          becomes effective, to the surveyor of the District of Columbia, who shall record in the  
17          office of the surveyor, “Marvin Caplan Memorial Park” as the name of the park located  
18          in the 7400 blocks of Alaska Avenue N.W., and 13<sup>th</sup> Street N.W.

19          Sec. 6. This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event  
20          of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of  
21          Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home  
22          Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code § 1-233(c)(1)), and  
23          publication in the District of Columbia Register.